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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s)	: Fernandes, Brian et al.)	
Serial No.	: 09/301,842)	
Filed	: April 29, 1999)	Group Art Unit:
)	3763
For	: Implantable Medical Device)	Examiner:
	With Enhanced Biocompatible)	Lam, A.
	And Biostability)	
Docket No.	: 8383.00)	

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D. C. 20231
Sir:

The applicants submit the following in response to the Office Action mailed on April 5, 2001, providing a "Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment under 37 CFR 1.121." Specifically it was indicated that the amendment did not include a marked up version of the amended claim(s) pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii).

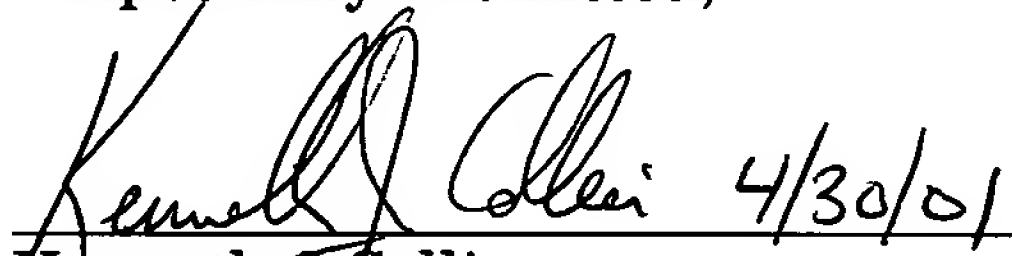
Applicants submit herewith:

- 1) A marked-up version of the amended claims as requested;
- 2) A clean version of the claims; and
- 3) A copy of the previously submitted response.

The submitted marked-up version of the claim amendments follows standard amendment rules, wherein added text has been underlined and deleted text has been bracketed.

Applicants indicate that the clean version of the claims and the marked-up version of the claim faithfully represent the previously submitted amendments. Applicants request the previously submitted amendments and remarks, as well as the Clean Copy of the Claims and the Marked-Up Version of the claims, be entered.

Respectfully submitted,


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